

## FLEEING BANKER IS LOCATED HERE

W. C. Stickney, Woodhull Capitalist, Discovered at Rock Island House.

### INSTITUTION IS CLOSED

Private Concern Voluntarily Shuts Its Doors After an Existence of 24 Years.

Rock Island police were asked a few days ago to assist in locating W. C. Stickney, well known banker of Woodhull, Ill., who had strangely disappeared from home. It was said at the time an examination of the books at his institution showed it to be solvent. There had been no domestic trouble and no reason for his conduct could be assigned, unless it was he was under a mental cloud.

Before the officers succeeded in their task a fellow-townsman met the banker at the Rock Island house. He severely reprimanded Stickney, who is 60 years of age, for his behavior and told him his wife had been made critically ill through worry over his absence. He declared he would call his family over the long distance telephone and that was the last seen of Stickney.

Later in the day friends from Woodhull and the police searched the city but lost all trace of the man. No more was heard of him until an announcement was made yesterday that Stickney's bank had been closed.

The following dispatch tells of the affair:

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 5.—The Farmers' Bank of Woodhull, a private institution which has done business there for 24 years and is owned by E. O. Woods and W. C. Stickney, two wealthy citizens, closed its doors. Written notices were sent to all depositors and other creditors that the bank would go into liquidation and that a meeting will be held on Wednesday at which a plan for meeting all obligations will be presented.

Owing to the standing of the owners the announcement created little stir, especially when it became known that the estates of both men were placed back of the proposition.

Bank proprietors said that liquidation is voluntary on their part, as both wish to retire from the banking business, and also because, owing to hard times, it has been difficult to realize on some of the bank's paper, although it is believed that most of the notes held are good. Mr. Woods is 60 years old and Mr. Stickney is 62.

Mr. Stickney said he was not prepared to give out an exact statement regarding total deposits and other liabilities, but that he believed there are sufficient assets to cover everything.

### Assure Payment of Depositors

Both owners declare they will insure every dollar they have rather than permit depositors to lose a penny. The depositors number about 300 and assets to the amount of \$500,000 are said to be in sight.

The statement to be given out on Wednesday will contain a list of the assets, deposits and other creditors, and will set forth the bank's condition fully. Mr. Stickney owns considerable land in Henry county, and Mr. Woods also is a man of large property in the same locality. The property

### ARTILLERY GENERAL OF THE GERMAN ARMY



General von Schubert.

General von Schubert's official title is general of the artillery of the German army. To him more than to any other one person is due the credit for the manner in which the German artillery has performed the work mapped out for it in the war thus far.

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## POULTRY EXHIBIT COMES TO CLOSE

Two Rock Islanders Win Few Prizes in Show at Davenport Coliseum.

Last night the Iowa State Fanciers' association show came to a close in the Davenport Coliseum after a week's successful run. Altogether, it is estimated that nearly 5,000 poultry fanciers of the tricities have seen the big show, the largest that has ever been held in Davenport.

So strong was the competition that local fanciers were unable to score heavily. Several of the Davenport entrants, however, broke into the prize money in the list of awards announced yesterday. Iowa farms scored in the White Orpington class, taking first cock, first hen, second, third and fourth cockerel, and first and second pullet. In the same class L. H. Denner got first and third pullet.

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### URGES U. S. SHIP PURCHASE BILL



Senator D. U. Fletcher.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Leading in the fight for the passage of the government ship purchase bill is Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida. It was Fletcher who filed the majority report of the committee on commerce, favorable to the bill, in the senate.

In the report was incorporated a letter from Secretary of Commerce Charles E. Adams, in which the secretary analyzes the shipping situation, and also advocates speed enactment into law of the bill which will give the government authority to organize an ocean transportation corporation.

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## GRIGGS' MUSIC HOUSE

121 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa

name register, concealed weapons, copyrighted copies, and miscellaneous.

Stop on Walk and Ask \$5,000 of City—William Steffen, 722½ West Third street, employed by the Merchants' Transfer company, yesterday filed claim for \$5,000 damages with City Clerk Hugo Mueller. On the night of Dec. 19 Steffen slipped on an icy sidewalk in front of 801 West Second street, breaking his right leg in two places just above the ankle. Doctors advise him that he is permanently injured.

Licensed to Wed.—Stephen S. Wyer of Boston, Mass., and Helen G. McSweeney of Davenport. William Rutherford of Chicago and Rose Reilly of Chicago, William E. Leyd of Davenport and Virginia Harris of Davenport. Mars Bloyd of Davenport and Rose Becker of Davenport.

Obituary Record.—At Campbell, Calif., on New Year's day occurred the death of Mrs. D. W. Kaufman. Mrs. Kaufman was the mother of Mrs. J. H. Kulp of this city. Mrs. Ida Price of Campbell and David Kaufman of San Francisco.

Stockholders' Meeting.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rock Island National Bank of Rock Island, Ill., will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1915, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

B. E. CAUTFIELD, President  
H. B. SIMMON, Cashier

Public Notice:  
I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debt incurred by me after this date.

PHILIP KRUEGER,  
Jan. 4, 1915.

Attention M. C. C.  
The next regular meeting of Almshouse council No. 688 will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 8 p. m.

Business of Importers, (Adv.)

Mrs. Long of St. Louis has two sons in the British Army. Mrs. Jones of Stamford Hill, London, has four sons in the Army, three of whom are officers.

Born in 1895. Both Mrs. Long and Mrs. Jones have received letters of congratulation from the king.

Ten Days